

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
SEVENTH REGION**

LITCHFIELD NURSING CENTRE, INC.¹

Employer

and

CASE 7-RD-3406

KRISTENE McCAVIT, An Individual

Petitioner

and

**LOCAL 79, SERVICE EMPLOYEES
INTERNATIONAL UNION, AFL-CIO**

Union

APPEARANCES:

Grant T. Pecor, Attorney, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, for the Employer
Stan Lunsford, Attorney, of Detroit, Michigan, for the Union

DECISION AND DIRECTION OF ELECTION

Upon a petition duly filed under Section 9(c) of the National Labor Relations Act, as amended, a hearing was held before a hearing officer of the National Labor Relations Board.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3(b) of the Act, the Board had delegated its authority in this proceeding to the undersigned.

Upon the entire record² in this proceeding, the undersigned finds:

1. The hearing officer's rulings made at the hearing are free from prejudicial error and are hereby affirmed.

¹ The name of the Employer appears as amended at the hearing.

² The Employer and Union have waived the filing of briefs. The Petitioner failed to appear at the hearing. The petition was filed on July 31, 2003 and a copy was served by regular mail on Petitioner on that date. On August 12, a Notice of Representation Hearing issued setting this matter for hearing on August 19. The notice of hearing was served on Petitioner by facsimile transmission on August 12.

2. The Employer is engaged in commerce within the meaning of the Act and it will effectuate the purposes of the Act to assert jurisdiction herein.³

3. The labor organization involved claims to represent certain employees of the Employer.

4. A question affecting commerce exists concerning the representation of certain employees of the Employer within the meaning of Section 9(c)(1) and Section 2(6) and (7) of the Act.

5. The following employees of the Employer constitute a unit appropriate for the purpose of collective bargaining within the meaning of Section 9(b) of the Act:

All full-time and regular part-time licensed practical nurses employed by the Employer at its facility located at 527 Marshall Road, Litchfield, Michigan, but excluding all other employees, guards and supervisors, as defined in the Act.⁴

Dated at Detroit, Michigan, this 28th day of August 2003.

(SEAL)

/s/ Stephen M. Glasser
Stephen M. Glasser, Regional Director
National Labor Relations Board
Seventh Region
Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building
477 Michigan Avenue, Room 300
Detroit, Michigan 48226

³ The Employer operates a nursing home.

⁴ The unit appears as contained in the Certification of Representative issued in Case 7-RC-16296. At the time of the hearing, the unit consisted of approximately 10 employees.

DIRECTION OF ELECTION

An election by secret ballot shall be conducted under the direction and supervision of this office among the employees in the unit(s) found appropriate at the time and place set forth in the notice of election to be issued subsequently, subject to the Board's Rules and Regulations. Eligible to vote are those employees in the unit(s) who were employed during the payroll period ending immediately preceding the date of this Decision, including employees who did not work during that period because they were ill, on vacation, or temporarily laid off. Employees engaged in any economic strike, who have retained their status as strikers and who have not been permanently replaced, are also eligible to vote. In addition, in an economic strike which commenced less than 12 months before the election date, employees engaged in such strike who have retained their status as strikers but who have been permanently replaced, as well as their replacements, are eligible to vote. Employees who are otherwise eligible but who are in the military service of the United States may vote if they appear in person at the polls. Ineligible to vote are 1) employees who quit or are discharged for cause after the designated payroll period for eligibility, 2) employees engaged in strike who have quit or been discharged for cause since the commencement thereof and who have not been rehired or reinstated before the election date, and 3) employees engaged in an economic strike which commenced more than 12 months before the election date and who have been permanently replaced. Those eligible shall vote whether or not they desire to be represented for collective bargaining purposes by:

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LIST OF VOTERS*

In order to ensure that all eligible voters may have the opportunity to be informed of the issues in the exercise of their statutory right to vote, all parties to the election should have access to a list of voters and their addresses which may be used to communicate with them. *Excelsior Underwear, Inc.*, 156 NLRB 1236 (1966); *NLRB v. Wyman-Gordon Company*, 394 U.S. 759 (1969); *North Macon Health Care Facility*, 315 NLRB 359 (1994). Accordingly, it is hereby directed that **within 7 days** of the date of this Decision, **3** copies of an election eligibility list, containing the full names and addresses of all the eligible voters, shall be filed by the Employer with the undersigned who shall make the list available to all parties to the election. The list must be of sufficient clarity to be clearly legible. The list may be submitted by facsimile transmission, in which case only one copy need be submitted. In order to be timely filed, such list must be received in the **DETROIT REGIONAL OFFICE** on or before **September 4, 2003**. No extension of time to file this list shall be granted except in extraordinary circumstances, nor shall the filing of a request for review operate to stay the requirement here imposed.

*If the election involves professional and nonprofessional employees, it is requested that separate lists be submitted for each voting group.

RIGHT TO REQUEST REVIEW

Under the provisions of Section 102.67 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, a request for review of this Decision may be filed with the National Labor Relations Board, addressed to the **Executive Secretary, Franklin Court, 1099 14th Street N.W., Washington D.C. 20570**. This request must be received by the Board in Washington by **September 11, 2003**.

POSTING OF ELECTION NOTICES

1. Employers shall post copies of the Board's official Notice of Election in conspicuous places at least 3 full working days prior to 12:01 a.m. of the day of the election. In elections involving mail ballots, the election shall be deemed to have commenced the day the ballots are deposited by the Regional Office in the mail. In all cases, the notices shall remain posted until the end of the election.

2. The term "working day" shall mean an entire 24-hour period excluding Saturday, Sundays, and holidays.

3. A party shall be estopped from objecting to nonposting of notices if it is responsible for the nonposting. An employer shall be conclusively deemed to have received copies of the election notice for posting unless it notifies the Regional Office at least 5 full working days prior to 12:01 a.m. of the day of the election that it has not received copies of the election notice.

4. Failure to post the election notices as required herein shall be grounds for setting aside the election whenever proper and timely objections are filed under the provisions of Section 102.69(a) of the Board's Rules.